REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending in the application. Claims 39-48 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-9, 12, 14, 17-22, 27, 29-30, 33, and 35-36 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 12 stand objected to due to an informality. More specifically, claim 12 lacks a period. In response, Applicant has amended claim 12 to overcome the claim objection.

Claims 1-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for an alleged failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4-9, 12, 14, 17-22, 27, 29-30, 33, and 35-36 as amended overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 39-46 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,519,458 to Oh et al. ("Oh"). Claims 39-48 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejection of claims 39-46 and 48 moot. Claims 1-38 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,421,354 to Godlewski ("Godlewski").

Oh discloses a wireless data transport method using a mobile terminal, an interworking function (IWF) device, and a server. Dialing is performed in the mobile terminal using a predetermined command with an identifier including an Internet Protocol (IP) address. A radio Link Protocol (RLP) between the mobile terminal and the IWF device is synchronized to establish a circuit-switched data (CSD) channel according to the command. A protocol layer for the IWF device includes Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a network interface for connection with an external server. The IWF device is adapted to determine whether to connect to a PSTN using a Modem and then to connect to a server through the PSTN, or directly connect to the server through a network interface.

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Godlewski discloses a system and method for providing data acquisition services for a customer from a sensor located in a remote location. A communicator co-located with at least one sensor monitors the sensor and reports data to a network operations center according to data monitoring instructions. The data is reposted via a transport path, which can be, cellular, satellite, pager, or a public phone path.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of collecting data from a plurality of remote terminal units using the Internet. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, issuing an acknowledgment message from an Internet server to a remote terminal unit via a communication module. Oh discloses a wireless application protocol unit of a mobile terminal for performing wireless applications such that the mobile terminal can provide Internet service. However, Oh fails to disclose issuing an acknowledgment message from an Internet server to a remote terminal unit via a communication module.

Godlewski discloses a message and command handler adapted to send messages to communicators. Such messages could include acknowledgements of received messages and requests for transmission and retransmission of expected messages. In addition, the message and command handler may broadcast a single message to a plurality of communicators at one time. However, Godlewski fails to disclose issuing an acknowledgment message from an Internet server to a remote terminal unit via a communication module. In contrast to claim 1, Godlewski discloses sending acknowledgement messages to the communicators and not to the remote terminal unit via the communication module as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 distinguishes over the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-13 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-13 distinguish over the cited

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references and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-13 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 14 relates to a system of collecting data from a plurality of remote terminal units using the Internet. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 14, namely, an Internet server configured to receive data from the plurality of remote terminal units and to issue acknowledgement messages to the remote terminal units. Oh fails to disclose issuing acknowledgment messages from the Internet server to the remote terminal units. In contrast to claim 1, Godlewski discloses sending acknowledgement messages to the communicators and not to the remote terminal units as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 14 distinguishes over the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 14 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 15-26 depend from and further restrict independent claim 14 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 14, dependent claims 15-26 distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 15-26 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 27 relates to a method of controlling a remote terminal unit using Internet protocols. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 27, namely, establishing a connection between a communication module connected to the remote terminal unit and an Internet server in accordance with an Internet protocol and receiving an instruction message from the Internet server over the connection. The Office Action concedes that Oh is silent with respect to receiving an instruction message from the Internet server over the connection. Godlewski has been cited in the Office Action as teaching this feature. Applicant respectfully submits that Godlewski fails to disclose receiving an instruction message from the Internet server. Applicant respectfully submits that independent

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claim 27 distinguishes over the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 27 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 28-32 depend from and further restrict independent claim 27 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 27, dependent claims 28-32 distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 28-32 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 33 relates to a system of controlling a remote terminal unit using Internet protocols. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 33, namely, an Internet client application executing on a communication module and configured to process an instruction message received from an Internet server over a connection, and provide a content of the instruction message to the remote terminal unit. The ' Office Action concedes that Oh is silent with respect to processing an instruction message received from the Internet server over the connection. Godlewski has been cited in the Office Action as teaching this feature. Applicant respectfully submits that Godlewski fails to disclose processing an instruction message received from the Internet server over the connection. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 33 distinguishes over the cited combination of Oh and Godlewski. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 33 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 34-38 depend from and further restrict independent claim 33 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 33, dependent claims 34-38 distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 34-38 is respectfully requested. In addition, dependent claim 47 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection to claim 47 moot.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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